

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A bioabsorbable medical device, comprising:
a first bioabsorbable contact surface;
a second bioabsorbable contact surface for engagement with the first contact surface; and,
a bioabsorbable lubricating coating disposed on at least a section of each of the first and second contact surfaces, wherein the first and second contact surfaces are moveable with respect to each other,
thereby providing reduced device drag.
2. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein the first and second bioabsorbable contact surfaces comprise a polymer selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid, polycaprolactone, polydioxanone, trimethylene carbonate, and copolymers and blends thereof.
3. (Currently Amended) The medical device of claim 1 wherein the bioabsorbable coating comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, ~~polyglyeie~~ polyglycolic acid, polycaprolactone, monoglyderide polyesters, and copolymers and blends thereof.
4. (Original) The medical device of claim 1, wherein the coating comprises 90/10 polycaprolactone/polyglycolide copolymer.
5. (Previously Presented) A bioabsorbable medical device, comprising:
a first bioabsorbable contact surface;
a second bioabsorbable contact surface for engagement with the first contact surface; and,
a bioabsorbable lubricating coating disposed on at least a section of each of the first and second contact surfaces, wherein the first and second contacting surfaces are moveable with respect to each other,
thereby providing reduced device drag.

6. (Original) The medical device of claim 5 wherein the first and second bioabsorbable contact surfaces comprise a polymer selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid, polycaprolactone, polydioxanone, trimethylene carbonate, and copolymers and blends thereof.
7. (Original) The medical device of claim 5 wherein the bioabsorbable coating comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid, polycaprolactone, monoglyderide polyesters, and copolymers and blends thereof.
8. (Original) The medical device of claim 5, wherein the coating comprises 90/10 polycaprolactone/polyglycolide copolymer.
9. (Previously Presented) A bioabsorbable medical device, comprising:
 - a first member having a first contact surface;
 - a second member having a second contact surface, said second member engaging the first member such that the first and second contact surfaces are approximated; and,
 - a bioabsorbable lubricating coating disposed on at least a portion of the second contact surface such that said coatings engage each other, wherein the first and second contact surfaces are moveable with respect to each other,thereby providing reduced device drag.
10. (Cancelled) The device of claim 9 additionally comprising a bioabsorbable coating on at least a portion of the first contact surface, such that coatings on each contact surface are in engagement with each other.
11. (Original) The medical device of claim 9 wherein the first and second bioabsorbable contact members comprise a polymer selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid, polycaprolactone, polydioxanone, trimethylene carbonate, and copolymers and

blends thereof.

12. (Original) The medical device of claim 9 wherein the bioabsorbable coating comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, polyglycoic acid, polycaprolactone, monoglyderide polyesters, and copolymers and blends.

13. (Original) The medical device of claim 9, wherein the coating comprises 90/10 polycaprolactone/polyglycolide copolymer.

14. (Cancelled) The medical device of claim 1 wherein at least one of the bioabsorbable contact members comprises a bioabsorbable inorganic material.